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Chamundi Hill PRASHAD Scheme in two years: MP

PM Modi virtually lays foundation for Chamundeshwari Temple Development, Ecological and Tonga Ride Heritage Experience Zones

MP Prathap Simha watering a sapling as part of the foundation-laying ceremony at Mysuru Zoo Amphitheatre this morning as MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth, Joint Director of Tourism M.K. Savitha and Ministry of Tourism Director Mohammad Farooq look on.
Picture right: ***Concept design of the proposed redevelopment of Mahishasura Plaza which would rejuvenate the present space around the heritage structure.***

New Delhi / Mysuru, Mar. 7 (BLU&BCT)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid foundation stone and inaugurated several projects in the national tourism sector today, collectively valued at over Rs. 1,400 crore under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 and PRASHAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive) schemes.

While the primary event — 'Viksit Bharat Viksit Jammu Kashmir' — took place in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir's capital, a parallel event was held at the Mysuru Zoo Amphitheatre, with the collaboration of Union Ministry of Tourism, Mysuru District Administration and Tourism Department. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha watered a sapling to mark the inauguration.

The projects for which the foundation was laid in Mysuru include the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development under the PRASHAD Scheme, as well as the Ecological Experience Zone at the Mysuru Zoo and Tonga Ride Heritage Experience Zone at Karnataka Exhibition Grounds under Swadesh Darshan 2.0.

(See PRASHAD on page 8)

HOLIDAY

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'Close down MUDA'

Congress MLA Tanveer Sait reacts to MUDA Budget

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (RK&DM)- Tanveer Sait, the Congress MLA from NR Constituency, today said that it is better to close down MUDA.

Tanveer Sait

This was his startling reaction after the MUDA Budget was presented by MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar this morning.

Sait said his hopes on MUDA Budget have been dashed as there is no mention of formation of new Residential Layouts and there are no concrete plans for addressing drinking water woes permanently. **"In the absence of a clear developmental and infrastructure vision, it is better to close down MUDA," he said.**

Pointing out that the Budget has not touched about Metro Rail Project, major UGD networks and other projects worth mentioning, keeping in view the future growth and the consequential infrastructural need of the city, the MLA said overall the MUDA Budget is disappointing and lacking in vision.

It may be mentioned, *Star of Mysore* had published an article titled *'Yella OK, MUDA Beke'* on Feb. 24, highlighting MUDA's failure in serving Mysureans.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 7th March 2024

GRS Fantasy Park wins Natl. Amusement Awards

Mysuru, Mar. 7- GRS Fantasy Park, Mysuru, has won two National Awards at the prestigious National Amusement Awards ceremony held recently at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai.

Hosted by the Indian Association of Amusement Parks and Industries (IAAPI), the awards recognised GRS Fantasy Park's excellence in the following two categories: "Events at Park" and "Innovative Digital Marketing."

IAAPI is an apex body representing the interests of Amusement Parks, Theme Parks, Water Parks and Indoor Amusement Centres in India.

Ashwin Dange, Director and Business Head and Balakrishna Kini, Operations Head, received the honours on behalf of the Park. GRS Fantasy Park was lauded for its inventive digital marketing strategies, notably its adept use of social media and influencer engagement to bolster its brand presence. This marks the Park's second consecutive win in the "Innovation in Digital Marketing" category.

The Park's diverse range of events, catering to both visitors and staff, earned it recognition in the 'Events at Park' category. GRS organised a wide variety of events throughout the year, including the GRS Summer Carnival, GRS Dazzling Dasara and GRS Winner Carnival. Not only did GRS host events for visitors, but it also organised activities for its staff, such as week-long games and fun activities during their 24th anniversary and celebrated festivals like Sankranti, Dasara, Diwali and Christmas.

Looking ahead, GRS Fantasy Park and GRS Snow Park are gearing up for the summer season with the introduction of several new rides. Among the highlights is a thrilling new spin ride at GRS Fantasy Park, complemented by renovations and upgrades across the premises.

GRS Snow Park has enhanced its slide systems to offer visitors an even more exhilarating experience.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

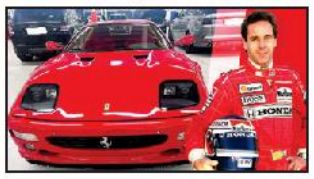
Accepting the idea that a person has the power to change society is very Indian. But it's as valid as Western ideas that privileges institutions or a document or a God/State over any leader. His fans and followers adore him and will not tolerate any criticism of him. His opponents only want to criticise him. But if one rises above these two extremes, there's much to learn from the Narendra Modi phenomenon. It reveals so much about the human condition and nature of society and specifically India.

To appreciate this we must acknowledge that the Nation-State is a cultural construct, a mythic idea, not a timeless one. There's nothing rational or reasonable about it. It's simply a powerful historical idea that emerged from tribes of Europe and West Asia that took the world by storm. This began about 300 years ago when America broke free from Europe as a republic, anchored on a single document, the Declaration of Independence.

— Devdutt Pattanaik in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Stolen Ferrari found after 28 years!



London: A Ferrari road car once owned by Gerhard Berger has finally been located by Police — 28 years after it was stolen.

At the 1995 San Marino Grand Prix at Imola, two drivers had their vehicles stolen with Berger's F512M being reported to Police, but no luck was coming in finding the machines.

However, in 2023, the Organised Vehicle Crime Unit of London's Metropolitan Police were made aware by Ferrari of a potential stolen car that a buyer was trying to import into the United States from the United Kingdom.

The unit quickly investigated and found that the car had been shipped to Japan shortly after being stolen, before ending in the UK in preparation for exportation to the US via a broker.

Just four days after launching an investigation, the unit was in possession with the vehicle, estimated to be valued at around 350,000 Pounds.

WWII grenade found hidden behind wall

Seattle: A contractor recently came across a historic discovery as he was renovating a client's bathroom in Seattle, Washington.

Vadim Kharkhavyy, who works with Polar Bear Construction, was ripping out a bathtub when he saw a grenade "between the studs," KIRO 7 News reported on Wednesday.

"My first thought was to get out of there," Kharkavyy said. When he realised this item was an explosive — things got serious.

"I got a little bit frightened and put the tub down and ran out of the room, and just gave it about five minutes just in case," Kharkavyy said.

Seattle Police and the bomb squad were called to the scene, and it was determined that the device was not a live grenade.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Thyroid problems cause decreased fertility, increased risk of abortions, affects baby's growth and development. Get your thyroid hormone levels checked before planning pregnancy.

By Dr. Amulya K.G., Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Newly-elected President of Janata Bazar feted

Gulam Rabbani, who took charge as the President of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar District Central Co-operative Wholesale Stores Ltd. (Janata Bazar) on Feb. 12, being felicitated by Janata Bazar Directors Chandru, Javaregowda, Ramesh and Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies Manoj Kumar, who is also the Managing Director of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar District Central Co-operative Wholesale Stores Ltd.

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Yesterday's level **89.64 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,269.34 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,830.45 feet**
Today's Inflow **223 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **23 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **189 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **746 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Parrot Flower:** This rare genus of the balsam family is found in Thailand, Burma and the Northeast State of India. They were first discovered by Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker in 1901. Due to their parrot-like looks, they are named "Impatiens psittacina." When they bloom, they look like a "flying cockatoo."*
- ***Duck Orchid:** Caleana major or the flying duck orchid is native to the Southern and Eastern wilderness of Australia. Each of the stems grows 2 to 4 flowers in reddish-brown with a single leaf in green colour at the base of the stalk. They bloom from September to January. Due to their labellum that resembles a duck's beak and its extension the head of the bird, they are named so.*

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TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 82.76**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 105.43**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 22.53**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 90.22**

VOICE OF THE READER

Provide hand railings at hotels having outdoor seating

Sir,

This is to draw the attention of authorities regarding certain restaurants and hotels in our beautiful city that offer outdoor seating arrangements.

While the ambiance of these spaces, particularly in the evenings, is delightful, accessing them often entails navigating a flight of stairs, some of which may be steep and potentially hazardous for elderly people.

Given that older persons may experience difficulties with balance and mobility, the installation of hand railings could offer crucial support and enhance safety measures.

It is therefore requested that hand railings be provided for easy access to the outdoor seating areas of these establishments.

—Vidya Iyengar
Sharadadevinagar
29.2.2024

MGP's monthly meeting on Mar. 10

Mysuru, Mar. 7- March 15 is celebrated as World Consumer Rights Day (WCRD). Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) has been conducting several activities since its inception in 1989 on WCRD to convey the message of "Consumer is King."

This year when the State Government is prompt in implementing five guarantees, MGP wants to urge the government to consider implementing one more guarantee — to ensure government officials give timely appointments without any hassle and not to make people wait.

During the monthly meeting of MGP on Mar. 10 at No. 6/1, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, at 4 pm, participants will give ideas to encourage Mysureans of all ages to write letters or send e-mails to the Chief Minister urging him to implement this sixth guarantee. MGP can be contacted on Ph: 0821-2515150.

Prize winners of Kannada quiz

The prize winners are seen with Shubha Sanjay Urs, Founder- Chairperson of Mysuru Book Clubs -2015; Deepa Malini Devi, Vice-President, Vani Vilas Ladies Club; Prema D'Silva, Subha Nayak & Yogini Nijaguna, Secretaries; Vinaya Prabhavathy, Treasurer; Nivedita, Prasanna Kumari & Vinaya, Quizzers; Dr. Pamela Sanath Nikam, P. Anuradha & Jayasree Jagannath, Judges; Shirley Muddappa (seated in front).

Mysuru, Mar. 7- A 'Rasa Prashne' (Quiz) programme was conducted by Kannada Oodugara Okkoota-2012, which is part of Mysuru Book Clubs-2015, in association with Vani Vilas Ladies Club on Mar. 5 at the Club premises in Nazarbad.

The century-old Club, started by Vani Vilasa Sannidana, is now headed by Pramoda Devi Wadiyar as the President.

The following are the winners of the 12th year's Kannada quiz: 1st prize - Suma Prakash and Girija Sidappaji; 2nd prize - Meera Bai and A. Kusuma; Consolation prizes - Lakshmi Manjesh & Rohini Shekhar, Nagarathna & Indumathi, Prathibha & Anasuya, Rupa Manjunath and Sudha Raj.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Lokayukta to hear public complaints

The Lokayukta Police will hear complaints/ grievances from the public on matters concerning undue delay in official works at Government offices, demand for graft etc., at the Tahsildar Office in Mini Vidhana Soudha, Nazarbad, from 11 am to 1 pm on Mar. 13, according to a press release issued by Lokayukta SP V.J. Sajith.

Rashtriya Lok Adalat on Mar. 16

The Rashtriya Lok Adalat, which was supposed to take place in the city on Mar. 9, has been postponed to Mar. 16. The litigants can take part and get their complaints resolved at the Lok Adalat, according to a press release issued by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Member-Secretary B.G. Dinesh.

Summer Fair

The Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) has proposed to organise a Summer Fair (Expo) after Apr. 16 to May 26, at Dasara Exhibition Grounds, for which it has invited applications from interested entrepreneurs for organising the expo. Those interested can submit their applications at the KEA office in Dasara Exhibition Grounds before 4 pm on Mar. 12.

Story-telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-818,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by Anand, Kannada Teacher, Government High School, Vinayakanagar, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, in city on Mar. 9 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115.

Ph.D awardees

G.B. Doreswamy has been awarded Ph.D in Sociology by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Sarvajanika Arogya Rakshaneyalli Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka Yojaneya Patra: Ondu Samajashastriya Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S. Yashoda.

Kosuru Srivalli has been awarded Ph.D in Urban and Regional Planning by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Planning for People Friendly Public Spaces in the Waterfronts of Vijayawada City' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B. Shankar.

MUDA presents Rs. 6.03 crore Surplus Budget

Group Housing Scheme, construction of Peripheral Ring Road, Grade Separators at Ring Road Junctions among key projects

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (RK&DM)- Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) presented a surplus Budget of Rs. 6.03 crore for the year 2024-25.

Reading out the Budget for this financial year at the MUDA Office on JLB Road here this morning, MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar said that the MUDA expects a revenue of Rs. 831.80 crore and the expenditure is proposed at Rs. 825.77 crore.

Explaining the highlights of the Budget, Dinesh Kumar said that under the affordable Group Housing Scheme, MUDA has received a whopping 80,000 applications, out of which 26,000 applications are considered for allotment of houses under the Scheme.

Pointing out that a 12-storyed housing complex, incorporating 560 homes will be constructed in Vijayanagar Fourth Stage, Second Phase using Shear Wall Technology, he said that the MUDA has set aside Rs. 40 crore this year for the project.

Peripheral Ring Road

Speaking about the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) project, Dinesh Kumar said that the Peripheral Ring Road project is being executed considering the huge tourist influx and the rising population of the city, coupled with increasing number of residential layouts and industrial areas, that house many major industries and corporate entities. Highlighting the salient features of the project, he said that the jurisdiction of PRR extends up to 73.25 kms and the width of the road will be 45 mts. The PRR will also be inclusive of a Heritage Living and Sports Village, Pharmaceutical Clusters, Garments and Apparel Clusters, IT and BT Clusters, Educational and Health Clusters and Hardware and Software Clusters. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the PRR Project is estimated to cost Rs. 10 crore.

MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar reading out the Budget 2024-25 at the MUDA Office on JLB Road in city this morning as others look on.

Grade Separators

Pointing out that with the ever increasing vehicular movement challenging smooth flow of traffic, the MUDA has planned to construct Grade Separators at main junctions of the Ring Road such as Vijayanagar Fourth Stage (Basavanahalli), Bogadi Road and Kuppalur Road Junction at J.P. Nagar, the MUDA Commissioner said that Rs. 10 crore has been set aside in the Budget for appointment of consultants for preparing the DPR.

Explaining the sources of revenues for MUDA, Dinesh Kumar said the MUDA is expected to earn an estimated revenue of Rs. 20 crore from Property Tax, Rs. 15 crore from issuing new Khatas and Khata transfers and Rs. 10 crore from work supervision fees. As regards expenditure is concerned, the MUDA plans to spend Rs. 825.77 crore for execution of development works in MUDA developed layouts, Rs. 2 crore for securing MUDA properties across the city, Rs. 5 crore for computerisation of records of all MUDA branch offices, Rs. 5 crore for annual maintenance of all MUDA buildings, Rs. 30 crore for construction of commercial complexes and Rs. 145.50 crore for general administration and other plans and projects.

Continuing, Dinesh said, Rs. 55 crore will be spent for rejuvenation of lakes, Rs. 27 lakh for development of slums under Slum Areas Development Fund - 04, Rs. 44 crore for Infrastructure development, Rs. 100 crore for water supply projects, Rs. 15 crore for development of MUDA parks, Rs. 25 crore for 2nd phase of construction of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan and Rs. 50 crore for land acquisition meant for undertaking developmental works.

After Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar read out the Budget, many Legislators, who are MUDA members, expressed disappointment that most of the projects and plans that were mentioned in the previous Budget, have hardly been started or executed. They argued that the presentation of the new Budget with no execution of projects and programmes announced in the previous Budget was not worthwhile.

MUDA Chairman K. Marigowda presided. This is his first MUDA meeting after he took over as the Chairman earlier this week.

MLAs Tanveer Sait, G.T. Devegowda, K. Harishgowda,T.S. Srivatsa and Darshan Dhruvanarayan, MLCs Marithibbegowda, A.H. Vishwanath, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, C.N. Manjegowda, Madhu G. Madegowda and Dinesh Gooligowda, City Planning Member R. Sesha, Superintendent Engineer N.B. Channakeshava, Executive Engineer Asif Iqbal Khaleel and other officials were present.

Reacting to the Budget, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah said that the Budget lacks mention of allotment of sites for the shelterless and addressal of other important civic issues that have been bothering the city for long.

Noting that the Budget does not mention about housing projects for the poor and development of slums, he observed that the Budget lacked foresight on the city's future development.

MLC Marithibbegowda opined that MUDA Budget has not earmarked sufficient funds for drinking water plans, with the city set to face a possible drinking water crisis due to failure of monsoon. He demanded early execution of Group Housing Project, which is in limbo for over a decade.

District Police arrest three in separate cases

Car, mobile phones, worth lakhs of rupees recovered

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (RK&KS)- In three separate cases, the District Police have arrested three accused and have recovered a car, mobile phones and other stolen items worth lakhs of rupees from them.

In the first case, Nanjangud Rural Police have arrested a person on Mar. 2, on charges of stealing a welding machine, cable wires, battery and iron items worth Rs. 1.5 lakh from a workshop belonging to Sharukpasha at Sinduvalli village in Nanjangud taluk.

During interrogation, the Police came to know that the accused was involved in 10 theft cases in K.R. Nagar, Hunsur, Chamarajanagar, Pandavapura, Kikkeri, Srirangapatna and Bellur Police limits. Based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered the stolen items from him.

In the second case, the District Police with the help of CEIR portal, have tracked 100 stolen mobile phones and have returned the same to the owners.

In the third case, Periyapatna Police have arrested two accused, who had taken a car belonging to M.C. Nasir Khan of Hunsur on rent on Feb. 12 and later assaulted Nasir with a cutter before snatching Rs. 700 cash and the mobile before fleeing with the car.

The Police, who have arrested the two accused, have recovered the car.

Girl among two go missing

Mysuru, Mar. 7- In separate cases, a girl is among two persons who have gone missing from Mysuru and Nanjangud.

In the first case, an 18-year-old girl, who left a plastic pipe centre on Rane Madras Road in Hebbal Industrial Area on Mar. 1, has since gone missing.

The missing girl is Priyanka Rathod, a resident of Hebbal Police limits.

She is 5 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, normal built, oval faced, has a black mole on her nose, speaks Kannada, Hindi, English and Rajasthani languages and was wearing a black jeans and white top at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing girl may contact Hebbal Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Priyanka

Raju

In the second case, a 37-year-old mentally challenged man has gone missing since 6.15 am on Feb. 10 from Karunalaya Shelter Home for the Mentally Challenged in Nanjangud taluk, according to the complaint from Sister Susaimary of the shelter home.

The missing person is Raju. Those having any information about Raju, may contact Nanjangud Rural Police Station on Ph: 08221-226259, according to a press release.

Release of water to Tamil Nadu

Vatal Nagaraj stages protest in city

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (MTY&DM)- Condemning the Cauvery Water Management Authority's (CWMA) order directing Karnataka to release Cauvery River water to Tamil Nadu (TN), Kannada Chaluvali leader Vatal Nagaraj staged a protest near Hardinge Circle on Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road in city yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Vatal Nagaraj said that at a time when Karnataka is reeling under severe drought, CWMA's order is not only unscientific but also unjust.

Maintaining that continuous release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu has led to depleting water level in KRS Dam, Nagaraj said that the CWMA must revisit its order in the wake of severe drought and thus come to the rescue of Karnataka farmers and as well as the people, who are a distressed lot.

Pointing out that the people in Karnataka were finding it difficult even to get drinking water in the wake of water crisis that has hit the State, he wanted the Karnataka Government to move Supreme Court against CWMA for issuing lopsided orders regarding release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu.

Urging the Karnataka Government to execute the Mekedatu drinking water project, he demanded the Centre to grant approval for the same. He also demanded a law to reserve jobs for Kannadigas in private companies.

Pro-Kannada activists Thayur Vittalamurthy, B.A. Shivashankar, Chandrashekar, Zia Nasir, Tejesh Lokesh Gowda and others were present.

'Drought: Open 24x7 Control Room at all ZPs'

Priyank Kharge

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (BLU&BS)- Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge has instructed the Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of all Zilla Panchayats (ZPs) in the State to open 24x7 Control Room to handle drought situation efficiently.

That apart, Task Force headed by Executive Officers should be constituted at all Taluk Panchayats.

A meeting of Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs) on ground reality related to drinking water situation should be conducted on every second and fourth Mondays for three months.

Following the meeting, a media briefing should be conducted on every second and fourth Tuesdays about measures taken to address drought situation and drinking water crisis, to reach the information to public, added Priyank Kharge.

Youth ends life

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (RK&KS)- A 21-year-old youth, said to be mentally depressed, committed suicide by hanging self to a tree at a park in BEML Layout in city yesterday.

The deceased has been identified as Vrushabendra, son of Chamaraj, a resident of Marballi village in the taluk.

It is said that Vrushabendra was getting possessed by evil spirits since a few years and despite performing pujas at several religious places nothing had changed leading to the youth getting depressed and taking the extreme step.

Kuvempunagar Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary besides registering a case.

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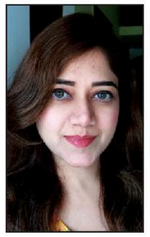

Shadan Muneer

Strength unmatched, resilience unwavering, empathy limitless, compassion enduring, love selfless — women embody these qualities and more. March 8 marks International Women's Day, a global celebration honouring women's social, economic, cultural and political achievements. It's also a day to spotlight the ongoing fight for gender equality and advocate for women's rights and empowerment worldwide.

The 2024 theme, 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress,' underscores the importance of gender equality, women's and girls' empowerment and their right to healthier lives. On the eve of Women's Day, *Star of Mysore* Special Correspondent Shadan Muneer caught up with two extraordinary women in an exclusive interview to gain insights into their ideas, accomplishments and personal lives. — Ed

'Empower yourself with strength, confidence'

Shilpi Agarwal, a recipient of the Indian Railways Minister's Award and General Manager's Award, currently serves as the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of the Mysuru Division of South Western Railways (SWR), a position she has held since March 2023.

An IRAS (Indian Railways Accounts Service) 1993-batch Officer and a native of Lucknow, this mother of two children holds a post-graduate degree in Arts and a Doctorate in Sociology from Lucknow University. Throughout her three-decade-long career, she has undertaken various responsibilities and amassed extensive experience in the accounts sector.

She has continually upgraded her skills, attending training sessions in International Financial Reporting Standards in Ooty, the Leadership Business Innovation programme in Malaysia, the Advanced Management programme in Singapore and Finance and Accounts technical programmes in London and Paris. Beyond her professional pursuits, Shilpi Agarwal is an avid reader, devoted animal-lover and passionate about embroidery.

Star of Mysore (SOM): Putting in 30 years of unbridled service is a notable effort. Take us through your inspiring journey.

Shilpi Agarwal: I feel fortunate to be part of the Indian Railways and my journey began in 1994 when I qualified for the Civil Services and entered IRAS as I was good with numbers. In the initial years of my career, I held various positions at the Northern Railways. Before assuming the role of DRM in Mysuru, I served for five years with RVNL (Rail Vikas Nigam Limited) as a Group General Manager.

Additionally, I have contributed to projects such as the Jammu-Srinagar-Baramulla project, Rishikesh-Karanprayag project, multiple Railway line doubling and Railway electrification projects, all of which have been immensely satisfying experiences. Taking on the role of DRM has been a fulfilling journey in itself.

SOM: How challenging was it for a female employee when you started 30 years ago? Did you face any obstacles being a woman?

Shilpi Agarwal: If you have the zeal to perform well, everything falls into place. There are ups and downs in every profession, but when you are young, the fire in you keeps you going and you don't feel worked up. However, as you grow older, you understand the environment and learn to deal with the challenges.

I always take positives from everything. When somebody tries to find fault, I don't let it linger on and affect me much. I let my work speak because I am confident that I can manage a file as well or better than any man. Sometimes, I do feel that it is a male-dominated society, but mutual respect in an organisation goes a long way.

SOM: Do you think Indian Railways serves as a good employment opportunity for women? How many women work in the Mysuru Division?

Shilpi Agarwal: Yes. There are plenty of opportunities for women in Indian Railways at the managerial level, such as telecom and control room positions. Today, we also have many lady DRMs. It is also a safe environment for women to work in, compared to earlier times.

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The Mysuru Division has 615 women staff — about 9 percent of the workforce.

SOM: Do you think it is safe for a lone woman traveller to take overnight journeys? How do you plan to improvise on safety measures?

Shilpi Agarwal: Yes, train is a safe mode of transport because you aren't travelling alone in a coach; there are other co-passengers as well. Society being aware of their responsibilities goes a long way. The Railway Protection Force (RPF) performs its duties and takes preventive measures, and we also have lady escorts for safety. Increasing the number of Train Ticket Examiners (TTEs) and RPF personnel to manage every train is something that we are working on.

SOM: How do you plan to make it more inclusive for differently-abled travellers and women travellers with infants?

Shilpi Agarwal: The Ministry for Disabilities has mandated the Railways to develop trains and stations suitable for differently-abled people, including ramps for boarding trains, more lifts, toilet-friendly initiatives and special coaches. These enhancements will be integrated into new stations that will be constructed in the future; it's a long-term process that is currently underway. As for women travelling with infants, we appreciate your suggestion and will certainly consider it.

SOM: It is a challenge to find clean toilets in India for women. Any plans to improvise it?

Shilpi Agarwal: Yes, it is indeed a challenge, especially in small stations due to the heavy footfall daily. The main reason is the improper disposal of waste material, which often clogs the toilets. Despite awareness campaigns, advertisements and efforts to educate the public about maintaining cleanliness, not everyone utilises the dustbins. While we have staff working in shifts to maintain cleanliness, the public must also play a role in maintaining hygiene.

SOM: You have planned to develop the City Railway Station as a world-class Railway Station. Can you shed light on this?

Shilpi Agarwal: There are two projects in the pipeline for the Mysuru Division: The yard redevelopment project and the Railway Station beautification project, both of which are currently being finalised by survey committees. Plans include expanding the Station Yard, adding three more lines and establishing a new Loco Colony.

The Station will be re-developed while preserving its heritage structure, similar to airport facilities. Features such as a new entry from the Railway ground, travelators, an increased number of lifts and escalators, small markets and eateries will be added. The project will commence after approval from the Railway Board. Additionally, the renovation of Railway Hospital and adding a new wing with OPDs, nurse stations and a pharmacy are also underway.

SOM: What are your other interests and hobbies besides your profession?

Shilpi Agarwal: In my younger days, I was passionate about embroidery and even learnt Belgium lace making during my posting in Brussels, which I found very engrossing. I also enjoy reading and whenever I get some time off, I like to spend it with my dog or watch something interesting on OTT platforms.

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'Believe in yourself, nothing is impossible'

In today's world, flora and fauna have gained extra significance due to their dwindling numbers and protecting them for the next generations has become a significant task. Among the many crusaders of wildlife protection, Forest Department personnel are at the forefront.

Meet Indian Forest Service (IFS) Officer, Dr. Malathi Priya, currently serving as Conservator of Forests (CF), Mysuru Circle, since February 2022. A 2008-batch Officer, Dr. Malathi completed her post-graduation in Horticulture and obtained her Ph.D in Environmental Science from the prestigious Indian Agriculture Research Institute, New Delhi. She underwent two years of training at the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy in Dehradun and was initially posted as the Assistant Conservator of Forests at Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. She later served as the Deputy Conservator of Forests in Mangaluru, Bengaluru Rural and at the district levels of Chikkamagalur, Chamarajanagar and Ballari.

Born in Tamil Nadu, she is married to Dr. P. Ramesh Kumar, the current Director of Bandipur Tiger Reserve. This gutsy Lady Officer is also a State-level athlete and a trained Bharatanatyam dancer. She loves playing tennis with her daughter and is passionate about gardening.

Star of Mysore (SOM): It is satisfying to see a woman take on such a high post which was traditionally considered a male bastion. How do you feel about it?

Dr. Malathi Priya: I feel proud to have reached this position where I oversee the territorial forest divisions of Mysuru, Mandya, Hunsur and also the administrative part of Bandipur. I have always been drawn to the environment and forests and my mother encouraged me to follow my dreams.

I don't believe that any profession is gender-specific. Women have broken the glass ceiling and joined the Indian Forest Service. Many women are entering this profession and are working in forest areas, accomplishing exemplary work. From being a Forest Guard to heading a Department, they have excelled at all levels.

SOM: How do you deal with the challenges that come along with your profession? What percentage of women are employed in Mysuru Circle? Do you face any gender discrimination?

Dr. Malathi Priya: Challenges are a part of any job and we must learn to overcome them. Initially, the biggest challenge for me was the compromises I had to make to balance work and family, especially as a mother, as our job requires us to be in the field at any given hour. If there are any human-animal conflicts, I have to reach the spot, no matter how remote, to analyse the situation and come up with plans and solutions.

But that's the nature of our job and we must fulfil our responsibilities regardless of the difficulties. About 17 percent of the workforce employed here are women. I have not experienced any gender discrimination throughout my career, thanks to my co-operative, supportive and encouraging colleagues and fellow officers.

SOM: Mysuru Circle has been in the spotlight for increasing human-animal conflict. How are you tackling this?

Dr. Malathi Priya: After the loss of human lives due to animal attacks in T. Narasipur taluk in 2022, we came up with the idea of forming a Special Task Force to handle wild animal attacks. As a result, the Leopard Task Force was formed in Mysuru Circle. It comprises 58 members, including Forest Officers and personnel and is equipped with an array of tools and resources to handle leopard encounters.

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The Elephant Task Force controls jumbo menace and the Bandipur Tiger Reserve has erected a 110-km stretch Railway barricade to avert life-threatening incidents and protect farmers' crops from elephant raids. Electric solar fencing and elephant-proof trenches are also in place. These special teams have been successful in managing emergencies and tracking the movement of animals.

SOM: How are people being educated to not panic and handle animal conflicts carefully?

Dr. Malathi Priya: We circulate pamphlets listing the DOs and DON'Ts with the help of Gram Panchayats (GPs) and Revenue Officers. To facilitate reporting of animal sightings and other wild incidents, we have established Helpline numbers, which guide them to deal with the situation. We conduct awareness to educate the public and farmers about cattle grazing activities. We are also considering converting 'gomala' lands into grasslands for cattle grazing so that farmers don't venture into the forest area. Additionally, we organise special programmes involving youths and GP members to educate them about forest behavioural rules.

SOM: With summer setting in, the risk of forest fires looms large. How do you leverage technology and involve locals in preventing and curbing forest fires?

Dr. Malathi Priya: Forest fires are mostly man-made and occur in summer when the ground is filled with dry leaves, logs and wood. A flame, spark or friction of trees can lead to forest fires. To prevent this, we create fire lines by clearing dry produce. Also, we hire additional staff and rope in locals and tribals as Forest Watchers to avoid sparks and tackle fires.

Technologies such as drones and satellite systems are used to detect and douse fires. Artificial Intelligence (AI) has the potential to prevent fires and we seek the support of Fire and Emergency Services Department while using blowers to douse fires. Awareness drives and street plays also help educate people about forest fires.

SOM: There is a threat to the delicate ecosystem from increased vehicular traffic, civil works and unauthorised constructions. What are your thoughts on this?

Dr. Malathi Priya: The night traffic ban, in place since 2009, helps control the movement of vehicles. Anything falling under the Eco-Sensitive Zone is monitored by the Regional Commissioner, who takes action against any illegal activities within the Reserve's Eco-Sensitive Zone by examining prohibited activities.

SOM: How has the use of technology helped in curbing illegal poaching?

Dr. Malathi Priya: Camera traps laid in protected ranges to monitor wildlife also help curb poaching. The images captured aid in tracking poacher movement. Additionally, we have a separate wing and vigilance squad in each district with a proper networking system to protect wildlife. The Wildlife Protection Act aids in reducing poaching operations and punishes poachers.

SOM: How often is wildlife census conducted? How does it help in conserving wildlife?

Dr. Malathi Priya: Tiger and elephant censuses are conducted once every four years using camera traps and surveys. We conduct tiger monitoring annually as part of our internal exercise, forwarding the estimated numbers to the Tiger Cell. Given that Bandipur is in the tri-junction area, we synchronise our census pattern with neighbouring forests to ensure accurate counts. When census reports show an increase in animal population, it gives us a sense of satisfaction that wildlife conservation efforts are effective.

SOM: How do you balance your personal and professional life? What are your other interests & hobbies?

Dr. Malathi Priya: My profession is my passion and I enjoy what I'm doing. Balancing family and work becomes manageable when you know your responsibilities and are dedicated to everything you do. I'm fortunate to have supportive parents and in-laws who have been my pillars of support throughout my journey.

I also enjoy Bharatanatyam and have performed in stage shows. Gardening is another passion of mine. I have been an athlete for years and love playing tennis with my daughter, who is a national-level player.

SOM: What are your views on Women's Day?

Dr. Malathi Priya: Every day should be Women's Day because women work tirelessly round-the-clock, year-round. Women have an inherent ability to multi-task and it is wonderful to celebrate womanhood. Women have come a long way and nothing is impossible if you believe in yourself.

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SOM: How are you enjoying your time in Mysuru?

Shilpi Agarwal: Mysuru is a peaceful, safe, clean and green city and I am enjoying my time here. I have a wonderful team of hard-working officers who ensure smooth functioning of trains. Our Division was also recognised for achieving the highest-ever incremental loading.

SOM: Your advice to young women?

Shilpi Agarwal: Be proud of the fact that you are a woman. Live for yourself, be humble, laugh a lot, don't let obstacles bog you down, stand up for yourself and rise to be a powerhouse of strength and confidence.

Mahashivarathri tomorrow

Trineshwaraswamy Temple in Palace premises to be open on Saturday and Sunday too

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (MTY)- Shiva Temples across the city is gearing up for tomorrow's Mahashivarathri celebrations.

Accordingly, preparations are in full swing at the famed Trineshwaraswamy Temple in Mysore Palace premises, where the deity is specially decorated and adorned with 'Chinnada Kolaga' (Golden Mask) for the festival.

The 11-kg *Chinnada Kolaga,* which was kept in the District Treasury at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, was brought under tight Police security to the Palace premises, where it was handed over to the temple authorities.

Special rituals will be performed to the *Kolaga,* following which the presiding deity will be adorned. The festival rituals will start from early morning tomorrow and the temple will be opened for devotees from 6 am.

The temple, with the deity adorned with *Chinnada Kolaga,* will be open for devotees for three days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) perhaps for the first time as weekend rush is expected with Mahashivarathri falling on Friday followed by Second Saturday and Sunday being a public holiday.

While the temple will be open for devotees from 6 am till midnight tomorrow (Mar. 8), it will be open from 9 am to 1 pm and 5 pm to 8 pm on Mar. 9 and 10. On Mar. 11, the *Chinnada Kolaga* will be brought back to the District Treasury.

With the temple authorities expecting a huge rush of devotees on all the three days, counters have been set up at different points around the temple for distribution of *prasada* to devotees.

Other than the regular entry to the Palace, the devotees will also be allowed from Jayamarthanda Gate on the eastern side of the Palace too as a streamlining measure and crowd control, it is learnt.

Muzrai Tahsildar Vidyulatha, Chamundi Hill Temple Administrative Officer Krishna, Palace Security Division ACP Chandrashekar, Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, District Fire Officer Gururaj, Palace Muzrai Temples Manager Sheela, Trineshwaraswamy Temple priests Santhanam and others were present when the *Chinnada Kolaga* was brought to the temple from the District Treasury.

Temple staff were seen cleaning 101 Shivalingas at Gurukula on Ramanuja Road on the eve of Mahashivarathri this morning. All Male Mahadeshwara Temples across the city were being readied for tomorrow's celebrations and *Anna Santarpane* and *prasada* distribution will be arranged at many temples with security arrangements in place.

At Bandipur

Special pujas will be performed at Tavarekatte Mahadeshwara Temple near Old Bandipur Counter in Bandipur tomorrow. Tribals from Gundlupet and Mudumalai regions visit the Temple and celebrate Shivarathri by performing various rituals.

On Saturday, general public will be allowed to offer prayers at the Temple with arrangements for pick and drop in Safari vehicles.

Special buses have also been arranged from Mysuru to Male Mahadeshwara Hills in Chamarajanagar. As more people will be visiting Sreekanteshwara Swamy Temple in Nanjangud and take a holy dip *(Punya Snana)* in River Kapila, bandobast has been made for their safety.

Nitin Gadkari arriving in Mysuru on Mar. 10

Gadkari

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (BLU&BCT)- Union Minister for Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari is scheduled to visit Mysuru on Mar.10 to lay foundation stone for a series of projects, said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha.

Addressing reporters in the city this morning, Simha stated that Gadkari would lay the foundation stone for the Road Under Bridge (RUB) project near Crawford Hall on the Kukkarahalli-Bogadi Road, aimed at easing traffic congestion. The Centre has already allocated Rs. 42.14 crore for this endeavour, which originated at the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar level crossing 1.

Additionally, Gadkari will lay the foundation stone for the Road Under Bridge on KRS Road near Royal Inn Junction, targeting level crossing 5, for which a grant of Rs. 42.88 crore has been sanctioned by the Centre. Furthermore, the Union Minister will kick-start various road projects, including the Mysuru-Nanjangud six-lane road and a bridge in Hunsur, according to the MP.

Chamundi Hill PRASHAD Scheme in two years: MP

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The combined investment for these projects amounts to Rs. 45.71 crore under the PRASHAD Scheme and Rs. 80 crore under the Swadesh Darshan 2.0 initiative.

The PRASHAD Scheme aims at the integrated development of identified pilgrimage destinations, whereas Swadesh Darshan 2.0 focuses on the development of theme-based tourist circuits. The goal of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 is to create sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, employing a destination and tourism-centric approach.

Emphasis on sustainable tourism

During the event, Prathap Simha highlighted that the PRASHAD scheme, along with the Ecological Experience Zone and Tonga Ride Heritage Experience Zone under Swadesh Darshan 2.0, will attract a total investment of Rs. 125.71 crore to Mysuru, with a strong emphasis on sustainable tourism.

He further mentioned plans to transform the Karnataka Exhibition Grounds into a year-round event hub and establish a Unity Mall there, supported by the Centre's interest-free loan of Rs. 193 crore as part of the 'One District, One Product' project.

Simha emphasised that the PRASHAD scheme's development is the result of extensive groundwork, noting that the initial plan was designated for the Kollur Mookambika Temple. However, through efforts during S.R. Mahesh's tenure as Karnataka Tourism Minister, the project was redirected to Mysuru. Despite multiple rejections due to non-compliance with specifications, persistence and consistent efforts led to the successful implementation of the project in Mysuru, he added.

"I insisted Prime Minister Modi's visit to Chamundi Hill and in the wake of security concerns, I persuaded Union Minister Pralhad Joshi that the Prime Minister's presence at the Chamundeshwari Temple would significantly impact its transformation. Fortunately, Modi spent over 10 minutes inside the Temple's sanctum sanctorum recently, and today, the PRASHAD scheme is being initiated. This scheme will uphold temple tourism while ensuring no harm to the environment. The objective is to convert it into a spiritual sanctuary rather than its current status as a commercial centre," Prathap Simha noted.

Shift CADA Office: MLA

Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa advocated the allocation of space for the exhibition and sale of indigenous Mysore brand products at the heritage Command Area Development Authority (CADA) building opposite the Mysore Palace.

He said, "All offices in the CADA Public Offices complex should be relocated to the District-Level Offices complex (new DC Office) at Siddarthanagar. This move would allow for the organisation of exhibitions and sales of products such as Mysore Silk, Mysore Sandal Soap, and Oil, among others, at the CADA building," he said.

Such a step would not only help in preventing cases of cheating involving foreign tourists but also ensure convenient access for them to purchase authentic local products near the Mysore Palace itself, he added.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth, Ministry of Tourism Director Mohammad Farooq, Assistant Director Rahul Kumar, Zoo Executive Director Mahesh, MCC Commissioner Dr. Madhu Patel, Joint Director of Tourism M.K. Savitha and others were present.

Vocal concert and musical treatise

Mysuru, Mar. 7- Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha is organising a vocal concert and a musical treatise on Journey of Sharana Sahitya right from 12th Century for this weekend — Mar. 9 and 10.

On Mar. 9 (Saturday) at 6 pm, Smt. Gunamba Nanjaraje Urs Memorial Concert, endowment by Harin Nanjaraje Urs, will be through a vocal concert by **Vidu. Vasudha Keshav** from Chennai.

She will be accompanied by **Vidu. Aditi Krishna Prakash** on violin, **Vid. A. Radhesh** on mridanga and **Vid. Shamith Gowda** on ghata.

Vasudha Keshav, a leading Karnatak vocalist, has been performing music concerts for over three decades. Blessed with a voice of unusual power, range and timbre, she expresses herself with sonorous clarity. She

Vidu. Vasudha *Dr. Sukanya*

establishes an instant rapport with her listeners and maintains purity of the classical form. She is also a great teacher and has trained a number of students as well as musicians.

With a good musical family background and her aunt late Vidu. Mahalakshmi as her guru, Vasudha underwent music training in the Gurukula system. She is a Commerce Graduate and a Post-Graduate in Music from the University of Mysore. She was also under the tutelage of *Padma Bhushan, Sangeetha Kalacharya,* P.S. Narayanaswamy of Chennai.

An 'A-Grade' artiste of All India Radio (AIR), Vasudha has been performing under the auspices of major organisations all around the country and has widely travelled abroad. Vasudha is a recipient of many awards and titles conferred by esteemed music organisations.

On Mar. 10 (Sunday) at 6 pm, an Endowment programme in memory of Smt. Indiradevi Praphulla Chandra sponsored by Veerappa Praphullachandra, will be 'Jyothi Belaguthide - A Musical Treatise on Journey of Sharanas right from 12th Century' conceptualised and directed by **Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar,** presented by **V.R. Nityasri, V. Akshat Bhat & Pramukh**, students of Surabhi Gana Kala Mandira, on vocal.

The percussive support is provided by **Vid. P.S. Sridhar** on mridanga and **Vid. V.S. Ramesh** on ghata.

Gen. K.S. Thimayya statue in Madikeri to be reinstalled tomorrow

Madikeri, Mar. 7 (PS&BCT)- The iconic bronze statue of General Kodandera S. Thimayya, which was toppled on Aug. 21, 2023, after a speeding KSRTC bus collided with it at the entrance of Madikeri town, will be reinstated tomorrow, Mar. 8, with full honours.

The statue of General Thimayya, a Padma Bhushan awardee who served as Chief of Army Staff from 1957 to 1961, was originally installed over 50 years ago. It was unveiled on 21.4.1973 by Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw.

Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Venkat Raja, confirmed yesterday that the restored statue, which underwent repairs at the Shilpa Kala Academy in Mysuru, is now ready for reinstallation.

Renowned sculptor Arun Yogiraj and his team, known for their work on the revered Balak Ram statue at the Ayodhya Sri Ram Temple, have meticulously restored the statue. During the collision, the statue fell onto the railings, causing sharp iron to pierce the bronze structure at multiple points resulting in cracks. However, the team has successfully repaired and restored the statue to its former glory.

The damaged Circle, also refurbished by the Karnataka

Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL), eagerly awaits the return of the statue. Rs. 17 lakh has been spent on the statue restoration and the restoration of the damaged Circle. The restoration efforts received support from various quarters, including Madikeri MLA Manthar Gowda, Virajpet MLA A.S. Ponnanna, Madikeri City Municipal Council, KSRTC and the Madikeri Kodava Samaja.

Madikeri Kodava Samaja President and members told reporters yesterday that the statue will be brought from Mysuru in a decorated vehicle by the members of Mysuru Kodava Samaja and other ex-servicemen organisations and associations in a procession tomorrow and will be received by hundreds of community members who will gather at the Mysuru-Kodagu border at Kushalnagar.

Over 200 motorbikes will accompany the statue from Mysuru to Madikeri and the statue will be welcomed to Madikeri town at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle. The statue will be unveiled by Air Marshal (Retd.) Nanda Cariappa. Former Minister M.C. Nanaiah will preside as the chief guest during the reinstallation ceremony.

Madikeri Kodava Samaja President M.P. Muthappa, Madikeri City Municipal Council Anitha Poovaiah and members K. Sampath, K. Viju Devaiah, C. Sanju and K. Appanna were present in the press conference.

LS Polls

Excise Dept. sets up control rooms in city limits

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (VNS)- Ahead of Lok Sabha elections 2024, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Excise Department, Mysuru, has set up 24x7 Control Rooms across the city to receive complaints and information from public about illegal manufacture, storage, transportation and distribution of liquor. The following are the numbers of Control Rooms:

Mysuru City Excise DC office toll free number-18004255989/Ph: 0821-2541863/Mob: 94495-97178; Excise Deputy Superintendent office on Ph:0821- 2524060/ Mob: 94495- 97182; Mysuru Zone 1 Excise Inspector Office on Ph: 0821-2438269/Mob: 98804- 84978; Mysuru Zone 2 Excise Inspector Office on Ph: 0821- 2418274/ Mob: 94487-61173; Mysuru Zone 3 on Ph: 0821-2414035/ Mob: 81234 -00739 and Mysuru Zone 4 on Ph: 0821-2446670/ Mob: 96326-37800.

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The above referred Sri. Deepu Rajendra S/o. Late Rajendra Sharma is the absolute owner in possession of the Notice schedule property and is having valid and marketable title over the same and the same is free from encumbrance. In that view of the matter, hereby given this Notice to the Public that, if any person/s having any claim, right, title, interest or any objection/s and /or opposing the sale transaction in whatsoever manner may lodge his/her/their objections/s with relevant documentary proof to the under signed within 7 days from the date of this publication, failing which, it will be presumed that no other person/s has got any right over the schedule property and our client will proceed to complete the sale transaction thinking that it is free from encumbrances.

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My client Sri R.R.Mohak S/o Rajashekaramurthy residing at Chamal Street, 2nd Cross, Chamarajanagara Town has lost the original sale deed dated 31.5.2001 executed by Sri B. Basavanna to Sri T. Shivanna registered before Sub Registrar Chamarajanagar while he was travelling in Chamarajanagara Double Road on 31.1.2024. This is in respect of the property bearing Sy.No.130/1A20 measuring 5 guntas of Bogadi village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysuru taluk. My client has given a complaint to Pattana Police Station Chamarajanagar on 1.2.2024 in this regard. Therefore this notice is given to the public if anybody finds the said document, may kindly return the same to the undesigned.

Sd/- B.M. SHIVASWAMY, Advocate,
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Our client being bonafide purchaser has scrutinised the documents of title as placed and represented by such proposed seller referred above.

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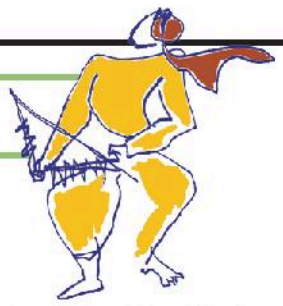
EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 7)



Rangayana, Mysuru: Bahuroopi-2024, renowned lyricist Jayanth Kaikini inaugurates Theatre Fest, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates Books and Handicrafts Expo, Kannada & Culture Minister Shivaraj S. Tangadagi releases souvenir, MP Prathap Simha inaugurates Painting Expo, Kannada and Culture Secretary Dr. N. Manjula unveils 'Vachanantaranga' special painting exhibits of artist Shivalingappa based on Basavanna's vachanas, DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra inaugurates display of historical documents, Kannada & Culture Department Commissioner Dr. K. Dharanidevi Malagatti chief guest, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati and Bahuroopi-2024 Co-ordinator Prof. H.S. Umesh will be present, Vanaranga, **4.30 pm;** 'Dhangari Gaja' by Syappa Bandgar & Troupe, Maharashtra, 'Gudum Baja' by Mayaram Dhurwey & Troupe, Madhya Pradesh, 'Chande Vadana' by Guru and Troupe, Mysuru, 'Kamsale' by Nagaraju & Troupe, Mangala village, Chamarajanagar, 'Nadaswara' by Radhamma and Troupe, Vagarahalli, Channarayapatna and 'Gaarudi Gombe' by Jayaram & Troupe, Boranakoppalu, Arasikere, Kindarijogi premises, **5.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Lokada Olahorage' by Rangasampada, Bengaluru (Original - Rabindranath Tagore; Design, Adaptation and Direction - B. Suresh), Kirurangamandira, **6.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Muttisikondavanu' by Rangayana Repertory, Mysuru (Story - P. Lankesh; Adaptation and Direction - K.R. Nandini), Bhoomigeeta, **7 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Shishunala Shareefa' by *Padma Shri* Chindodi Leela's K.B.R. Drama Company, Davanagere (Direction - Chindodi L. Chandradhara), Kalamandira, **7.30 pm.**

Jayanth Kaikini

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram: Mahashivarathri celebrations, Sri Venkatamakhin Memorial and Tyagaraja Swamy Aradhana, mass singing of Tyagaraja Pancharatna compositions by many musicians, Ashram premises, Nanjangud Road, Dattanagar, **6 pm.**

Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya: 88th Trimurti Shiva Jayanti Mahotsava, Cultural Programme, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Lecture and Discourse, Om Shanti Mantapa, Kalidasa Road, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 8)

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram: Mahashivarathri celebrations, Maha Rudra Homa, **6 am;** Sri Chakra Puja, Maha Rudra Homa Purnahuti, **9 am;** Maha Rudra Abhishekam by devotees, **11 am;** Puja to Moolikeshwara, **3 pm;** Rudra Abhisheka to Sri Sachchidanandeshwara Shivalinga by Sri Swamiji, **6.30 pm;** Sahasra Kalasha Abhisheka by devotees, Karnatak Vocal Concert by Vid. K.S. Vishnudev with Vid. B.U. Ganesh Prasad on violin, Vid. Poongulam S. Subramnian on mridanga, Vid. G. Guruprasanna on kanjira, **7 pm;** 'Sthree Thaal Tharang' by Vidu. Sukanya Ramgopal - Ghata Tharang, Ghatam & Konnakol, Vidu. Jyothsna Manjunath - Violin, Vidu. Vani Manjunath - Flute, Vidu. Y.G. Srilatha - Veena, Vidu. G. Lakshmi - Mridanga, Vidu. Bhagyalakshmi M. Krishna - Morching, **10 pm;** Abhishekam to Sri Sachchidanandeshwara Shiva Linga by Chanting Rudra Prashna Veda Mantras for 11 times with different decorations, Ashram premises, Nanjangud Road, Dattanagar, **11 pm.**

Sri Chandramouliswara Swamy Temple (Eshwara Temple): Mahashivarathri festival, Abhishekas, Archane, Pujas and other associated rituals, Sri Chandramouliswara Swamy Temple, Matrumandali Circle, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 am to 1.30 pm;** Mahashivarathri-associated rituals **4 pm to 7 am next day (Mar. 9).**

Vardhaman Jain Milan, Mysuru: 24-hour non-stop Mantra Pathan (Mantra rendition), Parshwanath Swami Basadi, M.L. Jain Boarding, Mysuru, **8 am to 8 am next day (Mar. 9).** [Mob: 70907-01234 or 96119-35436]

Sri Kameshwara Kameshwari Temple: Mahashivarathri celebrations, puja rituals - Rudrabhisheka, **8.30 am onwards;** Prakarotsava, **12 noon;** Mahamangalarati, **12.30 pm;** Cultural programmes - Devaranama and devotional songs by Chinmaya Bhajana Mandali, **10 am;** Classical Music - Instrumental Music by Sri Sharada Pratishtana Trust, **10.45 am;** Devaranama by M. Venkatalakshmi, **11.30 am;** Shiva Devotional Songs and Folk Songs by Varalakshmi Sugama Sangeetha, **12.15 pm;** Devotional Songs by Dr. M.P. Preetham, **5 pm;** Devaranama by Sri Shambhavi Music Class, **6 pm;** Music programme by Ini Sangeetha Vrinda, **7 pm;** Instrument Music by A.V. Dattatreya and disciples of Shruthi Vadya Sangeetha Pathashale, **8.30 pm;** Sugama Sangeetha by H.K. Ravindra and Y.R. Nagendra Rao, Temple premises, Ramanuja Road, **11 pm to 1 am next day (Mar. 9).**

Rangayana, Mysuru: Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival (Theme: 'Iva Nammava Iva Nammava'), Bahuroopi Film Festival - Screening of *Akka Mahadevi* (Kannada; Director - Veerappa Maralavadi) and *Vachanakarthiyaru* (Kannada; Director - Veerappa Maralavadi), **10.30 am to 12 noon;** *The Babushkas of Chernobyl* (English; Director - Holly Morris, Anne Bogart), **12 noon to 1.30 pm;** *Gejje Pooje* (Kannada; Director - Puttanna Kanagal), Sriranga auditorium, **2 pm to 4.30 pm;** Special Events - Vachana Concert by Veerabhadraiah and Troupe, Mysuru, B.V. Karantha Ranga Cahavadi, **4 pm to 5 pm;** 'Veeragase' by Basavajyothi Mahila Veeragaase Kala Tanda, Chikkamagaluru, 'Mahila Puja Kunita' by Keerthana, Kyataghatta Post, Maddur, Kindarijogi premises, **5.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Dropati Heltavle' by Rangasthe, Bengaluru (Original - Kumaravyasa Bharata & Janapada Mahabharata; Direction - Ganesh Mandarthi), Kirurangamandira, **6 pm;** Staging of Hindi play 'Dukhwa Mein Beetal Ratiya' by Kamla Shankar Dhanwanti Devi Foundation, UP (Story - Rameshwar Upadyay; Adaptation - Lalit Simha Pokhariya; Direction - Prasoon Narain Srivastava), Bhoomigeeta, **6.30 pm;** Yakshagana Prasanga 'Seetheya Vyathe' by Theatre Yaksha, Udupi (Direction - Pruthviraj Kavattaru), Vanaranga, **7 pm;** Kannada play 'Kalyanada Bagilu' by Sri Shivakumara Kala Sangha, Sanehalli (Playwright - Dr. S. Nataraja Budalu; Direction - C. Basavalingaiah), Kalamandira, **7.30 pm.**

Sri Mahalingeshwara Temple, K. Hemmanahalli, Bogadi Road: 30th annual Mahashivarathri Jathra Mahotsava, devotees can themselves perform Abhisheka for the ancient Shivalinga at Ashokavana, rudrabhisheka, alankara and mass feeding (Anna Santarpane) will be held throughout the day in the temple; various cultural programmes, **10 am onwards;** Releasing the mythological drama book 'Bhagiratha' (authored by Kupya Venkatramu) by Sri Sagar and H.S. Govindegowda; Felicitation to rural artistes Chamasetty, Varadaraju (blind) and R. Manjunath; Staging of play 'Sampurna Ramayana' (authored by Bellave Narahari Shastri) by artistes of Sri Mahalingeshwara Krupa Poshitha Nataka Mandali, **7 pm onwards.** [Mob: 93423-36927 or 94492-64920]

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EVENTS ON SATURDAY (MARCH 9)

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram: Mahashivarathri celebrations, Shivamrutham & Hanuman Chalisa Dance Ballet by Disciples of Vidu. Sreelakshmi Kumar - Vidu Sharika Koushik & Troupe, **12.10 am;** Shiva Bhajans - Divya Nama Sankeertana & Discourse by Sri Swamiji, **3 am;** Mahamangalarati to Sri Sachchidanandeshwara Shiva Linga, Teertha & Prasada Distribution, Ashram premises, Nanjangud Road, Dattanagar, **6 am.**

Rangayana, Mysuru: Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival (Theme: 'Iva Nammava Iva Nammava'), inauguration of 2-day National Symposium on 'Vachana Sahitya and Theatre' by poet and thinker Prof. H.S. Shivaprakash, writer Prof. O.L. Nagabhushana Swamy chairs, Bahuroopi-2024 Convenor Prof. H.S. Umesh delivers keynote address, B.V. Karantha Ranga Chavadi, **10 am;** Bahuroopi Film Festival - Screening of *Gaza* (2019, English; Directors - Garry Keane, Andrew McConnell), **10.30 am to 12 noon;** *After Selma* (2019, English; Director - Loki Mulholland), **12 noon to 1.30 pm;** *Etz Limon* (Arabic/Hebrew; Director - Eran Riklis), Sriranga auditorium, **2 pm to 4.30 pm;** 'Dollu Kunita' by K.M. Annappa & Troupe, Hadagalu, Kadur, 'Pata Kunita' by Ravi and Troupe, Kadalagere village, Pandavapura, Kindarijogi premises, **5.30 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Glani' by Udaya Kalavidaru, Sagara (Playwright - G.S. Bhat; Direction - Chidambara Rao Jambe), Kirurangamandira, **6 pm;** Staging of multilingual play 'Jump' by Collective Madness Studios, Mumbai (Playwright and Direction - Maneesh Sharma), Bhoomigeeta, **6.30 pm;** Staging of Marathi play 'Khatara' by Aapla Ghar, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra (Playwright and Direction - Amol Devidas Salve), Vanaranga, **7 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Chavundaraya' by Sri Gajanana Yuvaka Mandali, Sheshagiri (Playwright - Jayaram Rayapura; Direction - H.K. Shwetharani), Kalamandira, **7.30 pm.**

Mysore Race Club (MRC) Charitable Trust and Lions International Eye Bank, a unit of Lions Club of Bangalore West Trust: Inauguration of Eye Retrieval Centre at MRC Eye Hospital by MRC Charitable Trust and MRC Chairman K.M. Chandregowda in the presence of District Governor of Lions International District 317G Ln. Dr. N. Krishnegowda, District Governor of Lions International District 317A Ln. Suresh Ramu and District Lions Service Foundation District 317G Chairman PDG Ln. Devegowda, Lions Club of Bangalore West Trust Managing Trustee PDG Ln. P.S. Premnath presides, Lions Club of Bangalore West Trust Hon. Secretary Ln. Dr. I.S. Prasad, Sr. Vice-Chairman Ln. B. Chinnaswamy Setty, Vice-Chairman Ln. R. Kashinath, Eye Bank Director Dr. Rekha Gyanchand, MRC Charitable Trust In-Charge Secretary Dr. M.R. Jagannath and others will be present, MRC Eye Hospital, Siddarthanagar, **4 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru: Swami Mahamedanandaji speaks on 'Service and Salvation - Letter of Swami Vivekananda,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Talk on 'Cholesterol' at Science Sanje

Mysuru, Mar. 7- As part of Science Sanje, Kalasuruchi, Kutuhali and The Academy Trust have jointly organised a talk on 'Cholestrol: Good, bad and ugly molecule' by Prof. Gopal Marathe, Head, Department of Biochemistry, University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane in Kuvempunagar on Mar. 9 from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Dr. Gopal Marathe is a Professor at the Department of Studies in the Biochemistry Department at Manasagangothri. He also chairs the Department of Studies in Molecular Biology.

After his Ph.D, he worked for two years at IISc., on Molecular Endocrinology. From 1994 till 2007, he was in USA working at various high technology institutions.

Dr. Marathe

Since 2007 till 2024, he has been working at Mysore University, teaching and taking up research. Dr. Marathe has over 80 publications and he is an elected member of American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB).

Mysuru's first all-night Natyanjali by Bhushans

Mysuru, Mar. 7- Bhushans' Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation, an Academy par excellence in the field of Bharatanatyam headed by internationally acclaimed Bharatanatyam artiste Guru Badari Divya Bhushan, has come up with a unique Natyanjali on account of Mahashivarathri on Mar. 8, where artistes from different parts of India will be performing all night at two temples across city.

Devotees can catch up with these performances at Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple in Mysore Palace premises from 5.30 pm and Sri Chandramouleshwaraswamy Temple, V.V. Mohalla and Sri Chandramouleshwaraswamy Temple at K.G. Koppal from 8.30 pm throughout the night of Shivarathri.

SCHEDULE

At Sri Trineshwaraswamy Temple, Mysore Palace

5.30 pm: Inauguration; **5.45 pm:** Suma Rajesh and Team, Bengaluru; **6 pm:** Dr. Sasilekha Nair, Bengaluru; **6.15 pm:** Dr. Vidhya Shimladka and team, Bengaluru; **6.30 pm:** Abhyuday Dhyan Bhushan & Abhignan Vedant Bhushan, Mysuru; **6.45 pm:** Shubha Rani Bolar and team, Bengaluru; **7 pm:** Badari Divya Bhushan, Mysuru; **7.15 pm:** Aikhyam Dance School, Bengaluru; **7.30 pm:** Anuja Padave, Mumbai; **7.45 pm:** Guruguha Natya Gana Nilayam, Bengaluru; **8 pm:** Dr. Sapna Naik and team, Goa; **8.15 pm:** Seema Jawahar and Team, Bengaluru; **8.30 pm:** Rasika Gumaste, Pune; **8.45 pm:** Kusuma and team, Bengaluru; **9 pm:** Anjana Viswanathan, Bengaluru; **9.15 pm:** Abhijnaa Arts Foundation, Bengaluru; **9.30 pm:** Shreya Ravi, Mysuru; **9.45 pm:** Shiva Ganga Academy, Bengaluru; **10 pm:** Maithri, Bengaluru; **10.15 pm:** Pushpa Krishna Murthy and team, Shivamogga; **10.30 pm:** Shrikirti Raman, Bengaluru; **10.45 pm:** Sri Durga Academy, Mysuru; **11 pm:** K. Shravya, Bengaluru; **11.15 pm:** D. Shamitha, Kalanidhi School of Dance, Mysuru; **11.30 pm:** Kalarpanam Group of Dance, Mysuru.

The same artistes will be performing for 20 minutes each at Chandramouleshwaraswamy Temple, V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru, from 8.30 pm to 6 am next day and Sri Chandramouleshwaraswamy Temple at K.G. Koppal, the entire night of Shivarathri.

Monthly meeting of Railway Pensioners Association

Mysuru, Mar. 7- The monthly meeting of Railway Pensioners Welfare Association, Mysuru, will be held at the Association office on Mar. 9 (Second Saturday) at 11.30 am.

Association Working President G.S. Swaminathan will address the pensioners regarding the present status of the cases of notional increment for those who retired on Superannuation on June 30/December 31.

Association General Secretary M.D. Sunil Kumar Jain will welcome the gathering. Association President Parthasarathy will address the members. Association Vice-President M. Govinda Rao will propose a vote of thanks, according to a press release from the Association.

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Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	1.25 pm
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Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	:	11.55 am
Dune: Part Two (E)	:	12 noon, 3.30 pm, 7 pm 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Bramayugam (Ma)	:	12.40 pm
Joshua: Imai Pol Kaakha (Ta)	:	1.20 pm, 6.55 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	3.05 pm
Varanam Aayiram (Ta)	:	3.40 pm
Demon Slayer (Japanese)	:	4.30 pm
Kreem (K)	:	6.55 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

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Dune: Part Two (E)	:	8.30 am, 12 noon, 3.30 pm 7 pm, 10.30 pm
Operation Valentine (Te)	:	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 7.05 pm
Article 370 (H)	:	11.40 am, 3 pm 6.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	4.00 pm, 10.00 pm

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Kreem (K)	(S-2)	4.50 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-3)	12.45 pm, 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Dune - Part Two (E)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 1.20 pm
	(S-1)	3.30 pm, 7 pm, 10.30 pm
Operation Valentine (Te)	(S-1)	9.55 am; (S-2) 7.25 pm
	(S-4)	12 noon
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NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival- 2024

Folk festival off to colourful start

Mysuru, Mar. 7 (PM&VNS)- Janapada Sambhrama, the folk festival organised as a part of this year's Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival, was off to a colourful start with artistes from Gadag district presenting Jogati Nruthya and Geegee Pada on day-1 yesterday.

Earlier, the folk festival was inaugurated by renowned folk artiste Dr. Malavalli Mahadevaswamy by handing over the saplings to the artistes performing on the stage. Later, addressing the gathering, Dr. Mahadevaswamy said, it was Basavanna who had brought a sense of unity among the people by eradicating caste system through 'Anubhava Mantapa.'

Expressing his happiness over this year's Bahuroopi theme 'Iva Nammava Iva Nammava' based on 12th century philosopher Basavanna, Mahadevaswamy said that it was important to live in unity keeping away social evils such as the caste discrimination.

The folk artiste also expressed his concerns over mispronunciations of certain words in folk songs which gave different meaning to the song. "Many folk songs have been used in movies. However, while during the rendition of song the lyrics are mispronounced," he added. Mahadevaswamy also enthralled the audience with the rendition of folk songs.

Speaking on the occasion, folklorist Dr. Jayalakshmi Seethapura said that folklore was a treasure that was being passed on to generations and added that Bahuroopi was an amalgamation of various tradition and cultures.

Theatre buffs, who had gathered in large numbers, were entertained thoroughly by the folk artistes. Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati, Bahuroopi-2024 Convenor Prof. H.S. Umesh, Folk Festival Convenor Geetha Montadka were present on the occasion.

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